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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

_____ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. CLAIMS		HIGHEST NO.		ADDIT.	
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* not less than 20 ** not less than 3

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. ____ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ____ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ____ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. X If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.